

1958

Fatal Farm Accidents in Wisconsin

Year	Number of Fatalities
1945	168
1946	156
1947	145
1948	134
1949	128
1950	124
1951	115
1952	114
1953	102
1954	99
1955	89
1956	95
1957	94
1958	81

There has been a gradual decrease in the number of fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin through 1953. Since then, there has been a leveling off to a point considerable lower than the average for that period. Indications are that the permanent injury and lost-time accidents have shown a corresponding decrease. In spite of this reduction, the toll is still too high.

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Wisconsin Fatal Farm Accident Summary

Fatal farm accidents in Wisconsin show a substantial decrease since 1945.

During this period, fatal work accidents in Wisconsin farms have decreased from approximately 3 ½ accidents per week to about 1 ½ accidents per week. The toll is still far too high.

Yearly summaries of fatal farm accidents are based on newspaper clippings from all Wisconsin daily and weekly newspapers. In addition, there are hundreds of permanent injury and thousands of lost-time accidents each year.

Individual county statistics will be made available to those promoting community or county-wide safety programs.

Total	Type of Accident	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
46	Machinery	2	3	3	4	7	7	7	4	5	-	3	1
13	Falls	-	-	-	-	3	1	5	-	-	-	2	2
7	Fire and Burns	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
3	Animals	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
3	Drowning	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
3	Electrocution	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
2	Explosion	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
2	Motor Vehicles (Milk Trucks)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
1	Woodcutting	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Strangulation (Playing-Rope)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
81	All Types	2	4	6	6	11	10	16	4	7	1	9	5

Breakdown:

Machinery

Tractor	37
Corn Chopper	2
Corn Shredder	1
Chopper Wagon	1
Cultivator	1
Forage Harvester	1
Hay Elevator	1
Saw Mill	1
Wagon	1
Total	46

Falls

From Hay Mow	4
From Hay Rack	2
From Load of Straw	1
From Conveyor Belt	1
From Hog Rack	1
From Machine Shed Roof	1
From Tree	1
Scaffold Broke	1
Down Steps in Barn	1
Total	13

Fire and Burns

House Burned	5
Burning Rubbish	1
Cigarette	1
Total	7

Animals

Bull	1
Cow	1
Donkey	1
Total	3

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Fatal Tractor Accidents in Wisconsin

Of the 46 fatal machinery accidents recorded from newspaper clippings, 37 were fatal tractor accidents.

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Type and Age

20	Tractor tipped over	(Ages of people killed) (Boys 14, 16, 18, 19; Men 33, 42, 45, 45, 47, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 62, 64, 65, 65, 71; Girl 14)
6	Run over by	(Boys 1 ½, 2 ½, 6, 9; Man 69; Girl 2)
5	Extra passengers	(Boys 4, 5, 5; Men 64, 67)
2	Power-take-off	(Boy 18; Man 68)
2	Fell from	(Boy 15; Man 33)
1	Tractor-Auto collision	(Man 54)
1	Tractor-train	(Man 40)
37	Total	

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Age Group and Sex

	65-Over	45-64	25-44	15-24	5-14	Under 5
Male	6	12	4	5	5	3
Female	-	-	-	-	1	1

Fatal Tractor Accidents by Month

January	2	July	4
February	3	August	3
March	3	September	3
April	4	October	-
May	6	November	3
June	5	December	1

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